

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BASSETT'S CREEK CHURCH, CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA,

SEPTEMBER 30th & OCTOBER 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 1897.

OFFICERS.

J. R. COWAN, MODERATOR.....CUNNINGHAM, ALA.

J. H. CREIGHTON, CLERKWHATLEY, ALA.

*The next session will be held with Peniel Church, near Neulton, in
Clarke County, Ala., beginning Thursday before the
First Sunday in October, 1898.*

MINUTES.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the South Bethel Association was held with Bassett's Creek church, in Clarke county, Ala., on Thursday, Sept. 30, 1897, at 10:30 a. m.

Called to order by the Moderator, J. R. Cowan, W. A. Tharp conducting devotional services.

Introductory sermon preached by Wm. Kerridge. Text, Amos 3:8.

Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator and W. H. DeWitt lead in prayer. W. H. DeWitt, C. W. Burge and J. W. Mathews were appointed to read letters from the churches.

The churches and messengers were enrolled as follows:

Amity—W. A. Tharp.
Antioch—J. L. Harrell, W. J. Sanders, W. B. Harrell.
Bassett's Creek—J. H. Fendley, L. B. Hendley, R. T. Wilson.
Cane Creek—W. P. West, John McGilberry, W. A. Thompson.
Clarksville—C. A. Coate.
Canetouchy—T. J. Dunn, J. G. Wade, J. W. Wells.
Deep Creek—W. H. DeWitt, W. N. Nichols, Robt. Loftin.
Elam—W. T. Jarvis, T. L. Williams, W. B. Jarvis.
Enon—J. A. Caine, Richard Everett.
Evergreen—Letter; no messengers.
Forest Springs—J. S. Henson, G. P. Crenshaw.
Friendship—Enoch Walton, P. E. Connelman.
Good Will—C. C. Daniel, R. B. Lavender, John Lavender.
Good Hope—G. W. Phillips, W. H. Williamson, L. A. Williamson.
Grove Hill—J. W. Cunningham, W. C. Fendley, W. D. Dunn.
Hoboken—G. W. Hutto, M. C. Tucker, A. B. Brown.
Horeb—J. H. Creighton, Wm. Hill, J. H. Hart.
Hopewell—B. R. Roberts, M. C. Pugh, A. D. Ethridge.
Independence—Henry Daniel.
Pleasant Grove—J. S. Finch, R. S. Howell.
River Hill—Howard Pruitt, W. H. Flemming.
Round Hill—J. P. Moseley, A. M. Norwood, J. J. Norwood.
Salem—R. K. Benson, J. J. Vickers, M. S. Garick.
Stave Creek—R. J. W. DeWitt.
Thomasville—J. M. Melver, W. A. Parker, T. C. Kirvin.
Uconush—M. N. Harris.
West Bend—J. R. Cowan.
Witch Creek—J. W. Guinn, A. J. Fail, Woodie Cunningham.
Asberry—W. L. Hunter, W. Leflore, J. W. Hicks.

The Association elected J. R. Cowan Moderator and J. H. Creighton Clerk and Treasurer.

Pastor R. J. W. DeWitt extended a welcome to the messengers and visitors, which was replied to by the Moderator.

The published order of business was adopted and visiting brethren were invited to seats.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report during the session:

On Preaching—J. H. Fendley, W. H. Williamson, pastor and deacons of Bassett's Creek church.

On Finance—J. S. Henson, W. N. Nichols, J. S. Finch.

On Nominations, Documents and Requests—C. W. Burge, J. W. Mathews, M. S. Garick.

On Appointment—W. H. DeWitt, J. H. Creighton, E. D. Adams.

The Moderator called for correspondence, when J. H. Creighton announced himself as a representative of the Alabama Baptist, W. A. Parker as a representative of the State Board of Missions, J. S. Burr as corresponding messenger from First Church, Gloversville, New York.

The report on Bible and Colportage work was read by R. K. Benson, as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your committee has nothing special to report. It is astonishing indeed that we, as Baptists who believe and teach the Bible as no other people believe and teach it, could be so negligent as to almost discard as important a work as that of Bible and Colportage work. In matters pertaining to our religion, and our church government, we know no authority but the Bible, yet we fear that seeds of indifference are now being sown that will prove hurtful to future generations. We should be more vigilant in this work, for, to neglect it, is to withhold light from those who are in darkness, and the bread of eternal life from the perishing, and to divert the river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God.

As to our colportage work, we regret that so little is being done by our churches along this line. Can we, as Baptists afford to let this work remain longer in its present condition, is a question we think should be prayerfully considered.

As different plans have been adopted in the past with only partial success, we would ask a careful consideration of the following, to-wit: As we have fostered a Bible and Colportage work, we would recommend that each church composing this Association be asked to contribute more liberally to this work, and that said contributions be put into the hands of the pastors of the respective churches, taking receipts therefor, said funds to be invested in Bibles, Testaments, and such other religious books as in their judgment would best meet the necessities of our people, each pastor carrying a supply of these books with him to his several appointments, selling them on commission. By this means our colportage fund might be increased, and instead of having no colporteur at all each pastorate would be at least partially supplied with books.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. BENSON, Chairman.

After remarks by R. K. Benson, J. H. Creighton and W. H. DeWitt the report was adopted.

The committee on preaching reported that W. H. DeWitt was appointed to preach in Bassett's Creek church and Wm Kerridge at Fulton.

The Association adjourned till 9:30 a. m. Friday.

SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, R. K. Benson conducting the devotional services.

J. H. Fendley read the following report on Aged and Infirm Ministers:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

This is an enterprise second to none fostered by our Association. Nevertheless, it is a lamentable fact that very little is ever said on this very important enterprise only in our Associations. Such being the case it receives but a meagre support. Last year the small sum of \$41.76 was contributed to be distributed among our worthy sisters DeWitt, Hickson and Everett. It is certainly an imperative duty of our churches to take care of our aged and infirm ministers and their widows. We would recommend that this matter be oftener and more specifically presented to our churches, believing that it will lead to an increase of contributions for this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FENDLEY, Chairman.

After remarks by J. H. Fendley, W. A. Tharp, W. E. Fendley and Wm. Hill the report was adopted.

On motion W. D. Dunn was enrolled as messenger from Grove Hill church.

A petitionary letter was presented from Asberry church asking membership in this Association, which was granted, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

C. W. Burge read the report on Education, which brought remarks from W. D. Dunn, J. H. Fendley and J. W. Cunningham.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

That the time has come when our ministers should be educated men, that they may take the position in their several communities as their calling justifies, is an universally conceded fact. Inasmuch as preaching carries with it the idea of teaching, the necessity of ministerial education is increased, because the people are becoming better

educated. Certainly nothing could place a minister at a greater disadvantage than to be in a literary and theological sense disqualified because of incompetency to teach his people. Preachers are, or ought to be, leaders, and in order to attain most successful leadership their secular education should be equally as good or better than that of their flock, and they should be far in advance of them in Scriptural and spiritual training. We would not detract from or depreciate the labors of ministers who lack college and seminary training. No doubt they have served their times well, and at the last great day it shall appear that millions of souls have been led to Christ through their labors in the Lord. But what they have accomplished under God has been the result of such education as they had. If all the Godly ministers of the past were living no doubt they would say with us that times are changing, and the cause of education has received a mighty impetus. We also believe they would unite with us in saying that they could have done a vast deal more with a thorough ministerial training than they have accomplished without it. That our churches, and we as individuals, are not doing our duty in rendering the necessary aid and assistance to our ministers, and those who have felt it their duty to enter the ministry and are endeavoring to prepare themselves for the work, that we should, I believe is a well conceded fact. We are certainly not contributing of our means sums sufficiently to enable them to take advantage of the aids that are at hand. Take South Bethel Association, for instance, and we find that with a membership of about 3000 members we contributed \$100 to this cause, a fraction over 3 cents a member. In the face of these statistics I feel that no comment is necessary, but that figures speak louder than words. Your committee recommend that more attention be paid to ministerial education in the future than has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BURGE.

W. D. Dunn, chairman of Executive Committee on Ministerial Education, made a report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education report that they have received the sum of \$51.77, and paid out on account of Bro. L. A. Williamson the sum of \$15.85, all of which more fully appears from the statement and vouchers filed with, and made a part of this report. We further report that from information received from Prof. M. B. DuBose, Bro. Williamson has made commendable progress in his studies during the past year, and it will be a great pity if, through the failure of our churches to contribute to this fund, he should be forced to stop school. We regret to report, however, that such a course appears inevitable unless our churches shall give more liberally and systematically to this cause. Several of our churches have not contributed at all towards Bro. Williamson's education, and all in a rather desultory way. If Bro. Williamson is to continue as a beneficiary, then our churches should make collections in his behalf at a stated time and forward the amounts promptly to the chairman of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. DUNN, Chairman.

STATEMENT.

Wm. D. Dunn, Chairman Executive Committee on Ministerial Education South Bethel Association, in account with South Bethel Association.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand.....	\$ 3 78
Amt. rc'd from Association.....	11 53
Mt. Gilead.....	2 95
Penile.....	3 40
Horeb.....	1 60
Elam.....	1 25
Independence.....	60
Deep Creek.....	3 00
Pleasant Grove.....	2 00
Antioch.....	1 60
Salem.....	1 75
Amity.....	1 00
Midway.....	1 75
Thomasville.....	1 70
Grove Hill.....	3 36
Salitpa.....	2 50
Ulconush.....	2 50
Hoboken.....	2 00
Witch Creek.....	1 50
Pine Hill.....	2 00
Total receipts.....	\$51 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 18, 1896, v. No. 1, by cash paid L. A. W.....	\$12 85
May 1, 1897, v. No. 2, by cash paid M. B. DuBose.....	17 00
May 19, 1897, v. No. 3, by cash paid L. A. W.....	3 00
May 27, 1897, v. No. 4, " " " " ".....	4 50
July 10, 1897, v. No. 5, " " " " ".....	6 50
Sept. 7, 1897, v. No. 6, " " " " ".....	2 00

Total disbursements.....\$45 85

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received.....	\$51 77
Amount disbursed.....	45 85

Balance on hand.....\$ 5 92

The Association took a recess till 1:30 p. m.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association re-assembled in the house.

Prayer by W. Hill.

On motion the further consideration of the report on Education was postponed until Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

W. A. Parker read the following report on the Orphan's Home:

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

I deem it unnecessary to offer an elaborate essay upon this enterprise; suffice it to say, "our Orphans' Home" is an established institution, and one that ought to be not only firmly established at Ever-

green, but one that ought to be deeply embedded in the affections of all our people. So much ought we to recognize this obligation that we would, without so much earnest solicitation, contribute regularly and liberally to its support. There are now about forty children in the Home. These, God has given into our care, in a denominational relation, as sacred as the children in our homes stand to us in their relation. None hesitate to labor for the support of our children in our homes, nor can we with impunity withhold our contributions from the Orphans' Home. We have been too much in the habit of giving to this enterprise only as we were moved by sentiment and impulse. While money thus given may be, and no doubt is, blessed of God, yet we believe that, from principle, we ought to give, and we ought to give regularly as well as liberally. Therefore we earnestly recommend that each church, at her first meeting in November, take a collection for the Orphanage and forward to Rev. Jno. W. Stewart at Evergreen, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. PARKER.

After remarks by W. A. Parker, R. K. Benson and J. H. Fendley, prayer was offered by the Association for the orphans and the managers of the Home, lead by W. H. DeWitt, after which a collection was raised for the Home amounting to \$11.15. The report was then adopted.

L. A. Williamson read Report on Religious Literature as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The cultivation of the human mind is a matter of very great importance. A person who has a thoroughly trained and cultivated mind is better prepared to grasp the divine truth, which, if properly understood invariably qualifies him to give an intelligent service to God the giver of every good and perfect gift, and who requires the improvement of those gifts, and the facilities for accomplishing that end are many. The art of reading has done more toward that end than perhaps any other one thing. As reading is one way by which thoughts are conveyed to the mind, thereby eliciting inclinations of the heart which, when carried into action shapes and moulds the character of man, hence the importance of reading that class of literature that is calculated to elevate the mind to things noble and divine. Let us therefore urge our people to read religious books and papers. We would recommend that the Alabama Baptist, State and Foreign Mission Journals, also The Home Field, be taken and read. These papers are cheap, and ought to be read in every Baptist home throughout the land, that we might be better informed upon matters of general interest to us as Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WILLIAMSON.

After remarks from J. H. Creighton, W. A. Parker and J. H. Fendley the report was adopted.

The committee on preaching announced that R. K. Benson would preach at Bassett's Creek at 7:30 p. m., and J. H. Creighton at Fulton at same hour.

The Association adjourned till 9:30 Saturday.

THIRD DAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator; S. A. Adams conducting the devotional exercises.

W. D. Dunn read the report for committee on Woman's Work, and, after remarks by S. A. Adams and W. A. Parker, the report was re-committed for amendment.

The report on State Missions was read by W. H. DeWitt.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The subject of missions is actuating the minds of our people as it never has before. There is more earnest thought and work bestowed on this department of our work than ever before. More of our people's money is flowing in this channel than at any other period of our history, and as a result a throne of grace is oftener besieged with the prayers of consecrated hearts whose alms go with their prayers. While we ought to sow, we should not fail to water with our prayers. Our State Board has six evangelists in the field, coupled with the labors of Dr. Bledsøe, our Corresponding Secretary, with W. H. Parker in our own territory, and nine missionary pastors laboring with the weak churches. This feature of our State Mission work has produced more permanent results than any other feature of the work, as the Jackson and Thomasville churches show, in our Association, with others that might be mentioned. I have not at hand the amounts expended in this work, but it is our opinion that there is an increase in State Mission funds over last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DEWITT,
Chairman.

Wm. Kerridge read the report on Home Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The past year has been one of interest and anxiety to the Home Board. The year was commenced with a debt of \$13,700, which threatened to curtail its operations to a serious extent. With the ever-increasing necessity of the work of the Board, an urgent appeal was made to the churches for help. This has met with a ready response from our people, but not in a measure to relieve all the responsibilities of the Board. Like all other work of like character, the need is great, that our people continue steadfast in their efforts to strengthen the work by means and prayer. Its interests are second to none, and are far-reaching for the spiritual welfare of the races who inhabit this continent. To the immigrant population pouring into this country, with minds perverted by the forms of a corrupt Christianity, should be given the blessed gospel of the Son of God. To our colored population we owe a large debt—co-operating with the State Boards fourteen missionaries having been placed at work in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. The colored Baptists are the spiritual children of the white Baptists. Upon the ministration of white Christians has been laid a foundation of two million colored Baptists. The Board acknowledges with gratitude that the

plan of work adopted by it is now recognized by brethren of both races as the wisest methods to meet the needs of this race.

Our work in Cuba is interrupted by the present war, but religious interest is by no means stationary; and although our missionaries have been compelled to leave the island, yet the seed sown is growing and bearing fruit, and with a return of peace we may look for a prosperity unsurpassed by the brightest days of our history in Havana.

In the cities of this country your Board is working in 90 per cent. of our large centers of population. With the increase of trade Southward, this is a fact which should be noted. Work in the cities is ^{difficult} and costly, but we must drive to the centers of population. Present we are weak in many large cities, while we are strong in country. Let us so work for Jesus that the Indian, negro and nger within our gates may be offered the bread of life and be gathered into the kingdom of Christ.

W. A. Parker made a speech on State Missions, giving the condition of his field and a report of his work as State Evangelist.

The Association took a recess till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 o'clock; prayer by S. A. Adams, after which the roll was called and corrected.

The report on Education and the Executive Committee's report were taken up and further discussed, and adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was read as amended, and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report that our women are not doing all that they should in a systematic way, such as is afforded through the Woman's Aid Societies, there being only two such societies within our bounds—one at Jackson and the other at Thomasville. We doubt not that our women are in many ways working for our Master, but it has not the power and is not nearly so effective as these societies afford. Certainly, in the Lord's work, concentration of force and power is as necessary as in our secular affairs, in order to reap the best results. Let our women arouse themselves from their lethargic sleep and resolve to do more and better work in the future than they have ever done in the past. Let them remember that in our Lord's vineyard—

"There's a work for me and a work for you,
Something for each of us now to do."

and resolve that they will perform their part in this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. DAFFIN,
Chairman.

The report on Nominations, Documents and Requests was read by C. W. Burge, and adopted, as follows:

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In the cities of this country your Board is working in '90 per cent. of our large centers of population. With the increase of trade Southward, this is a fact which should be noted. Work in the cities is difficult and costly, but we must drive to the centers of population. At present we are weak in many large cities, while we are strong in the country. Let us so work for Jesus that the Indian, negro and stranger within our gates may be offered the bread of life and be gathered into the kingdom of Christ.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

We, your committee, would suggest that any brother visiting sister associations be authorized to represent us. We recommend that Rev. L. A. Williamson preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, and Rev. R. K. Benson as alternate. We recommend that Rev. W. H. DeWitt preach a doctrinal sermon at 11 a. m. on Sunday, Rev. W. A. Parker, Sr., alternate. We appoint as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention Bro. J. H. Creighton. R. J. W. DeWitt as alternate. We recommend that the following brethren be appointed delegates to the State Convention: J. H. Fendley, J. R. Cowan, R. K. Benson, M. H. Robison, S. A. Adams, W. H. DeWitt, W. A. Parker, Sr., J. H. Creighton, W. D. Dunn, Dr. T. C. Kervin, Dr. G. S. Chapman. We also recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with Peniel church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1898. We find a petition from Asberry church asking membership with us, which has been granted and the delegates enrolled. We find a request from Canetouchy for financial aid. We recommend that the request be referred to the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BURGE,
J. W. MATTHEWS,
M. S. GARICK,
Committee.

The committee on Preaching announced that Wm. Kerridge would preach at Good Hope at 7:30 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order, and in the absence of the Moderator, W. H. DeWitt was appointed Moderator pro tem.

S. A. Adams made report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg to report as follows:

That as to the doctrine of missions, we deem it unnecessary to say anything to Missionary Baptists further than to recommend a more earnest study of God's Word and to be more faithful in prayer. As to the importance of the work we can only say that engaging in it is essential to honoring the Master by obedience, since he has positively commanded it. Further, we believe that to engage in the work is essential to incurring the blessings of God upon us as a denomination, as churches and as individual Christians. Again, the importance of the work is measured by the value of souls, for mission work is directly and indirectly preaching. This truth forces on us the oft-asked questions of Paul, "How can they call on him of whom they have not heard? How can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they be sent?" As to the facts in connection with Foreign Missions, as being done by Southern Baptists, we have nothing unusual to report. About the same fields are being occupied, by about the same missionaries, with about the same results. There is

still, from headquarters, the same report of success in all the fields, with the ever-increasing demand for more workers, and the same report that large numbers are asking to be sent, but can't, for the want of means. O that God's people would cease to economize in the matter of saving souls. Statistics show that in the six foreign fields occupied by the Southern Baptists, that during the last conventional year there were 95 churches, 141 stations, 190 missionaries, including male and female foreign and native workers, 600 baptisms, and a total membership of 4,324, 1,275 Sabbath School scholars; 35 day schools, with an attendance of 1,103 pupils. There was contributed by the church members \$6,658.00—\$1.54 per member—four or five times as much as the Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention per member. As to the work of the State, our contributions were about as usual. We have thought, however, that in our greater zeal for State Missions we were too much neglecting the work in foreign fields. In our own Association we find, judging from the contributions, the cause of missions is not improved. Especially does there seem to be a falling off of interest in Foreign and Home Missions. We are willing to give credit to the fact that there is a great stringency of money matters, still we feel justified in reporting no advancement in missionary spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ADAMS,
J. A. BOLEN,
T. T. KIMBELL.
Committee.

Speeches were made on the different reports by W. H. DeWitt, J. H. Fendley and W. A. Parker, and then, on motion, the further discussion of these reports was discontinued for the present.

The committee on Apportionment submitted a report, and after some changes it was adopted. (See table of "Amounts asked for by the Association.")

The Association then adjourned till 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

FOURTH DAY.

Association called to order. Prayer by Wm. Kerridge. The Treasurer reported as follows, and it was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. H. CREIGHTON, Treas'r, in Acc't with South Bethel Association.
1896.

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Oct. 4.	To am't rec'd from Finance Committee.....	\$264 01
5.	Rec'd from Pleasant Grove	4 35
8.	Rec'd from Evergreen	4 95
	Rec'd from Mt. Gilead	3 65
	Rec'd from D. A. Megginson	25—\$277 21

C.R.

Oct. 1.	By am't paid W. A. Parker, Sr., for Orp. H.	\$ 7 20
4.	Paid J. H. Fendley, for Mrs. DeWitt	12 15
	Paid G. W. Morgan, for Mrs. Everett	11 45
5.	Paid Mrs. Hickson	12 15
6.	Paid J. W. Stewart, for Orph. Home	16 25
	Paid P. T. Hale, for Howard College	5 25
9.	Paid W. C. Bledsoe, Cor. Sec'y	160 90
	Paid for Express Orders	60
Dec. 1.	Paid W. D. Dunn, Min. Education	11 53
	Paid for Printing and Distributing Minutes	
	and Associational Letters	25 40
	Clerk's fee	15 00—\$277 94

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$15 for his services.

W. D. Dunn read the following report on Sunday Schools:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is unnecessary to say anything in this report on the importance of this branch of our religious work. We all admit our duty to our children and to our neighbors' children, in the organizing of Sabbath Schools, but many of us fall far short in the performance of this duty. If we would have good church members, we must have good Sunday School workers. The injunction, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," finds a field for operation in the Sabbath School as well as upon foreign shores. The Sabbath School is as much a part of our Lord's vineyard as the church, and the cultivation and the training therein should be so careful that when they bear fruit it shall be such as will honor and glorify His name and cause. Many of our churches—in fact, nearly all—recognize these facts, and have live, active schools. Those that have been just "existing" have put on new life, and the workers have entered zealously into the cause. But in this work, as in nearly all others, there is always something more that can be done. If you have a good, active, working Sunday School, look around you and see if there is not some school house or other place where the community is thickly enough settled to justify the organization of another; and when you have found one, go to work to give those people this blessed privilege. If we will all do this it will not be long before every destitute place will be supplied. God grant that that time may soon come.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. DUNN, Chairman.

After remarks by W. D. Dunn, J. H. Fendley, Wm. Ker-ridge and S. A. Adams, the report was adopted.

11 a. m. Sermon by W. A. Parker, in the house. Text, Gen. 3:9, "Where art thou?" Same hour, sermon in the grove by S. A. Adams.

After the sermons a collection was taken from each congregation, amounting to \$19.59.

The Association took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

For State Missions	\$193 20
Home Missions	72 59
Foreign Missions.....	82 35
Bible and Colportage.....	8 42
Ministerial Education.....	83 81
Indigent Ministers.....	37 12
Orphans' Home.....	77 11
Minutes	37 60
Association collection for Orphans' Home.....	11 15
Total amount.....	\$598 35
Association collection for missions.....	14 59
J. S. Burr.....	5 00
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Respectfully submitted,
J. S. HINSON, Chairman.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

Bible and Colportage—C. W. Burge, R. K. Benson, L. A. Williamson.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—Wm. Kerridge, R. J. W. DeWitt, M. H. Robinson.

Orphans' Home—S. A. Adams, A. J. Pace, G. P. Crenshaw.

Religious Literature—W. H. DeWitt, W. B. Shamberger, W. A. Sharp.

Education—J. M. McIver, Stewart Pugh, Dr. T. C. Kervin.

Woman's Work—Miss Evie Kimbell, Miss Bama Nichols, Miss Lesley Daffin.

State Missions—W. A. Parker, John Bolen, D. A. Chapman.

Home Missions—J. H. Creighton, T. L. Williams, W. N. Nichols.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Fendley, R. J. W. DeWitt, S. W. Matthews.

Temperance—Isaac Grant, J. L. Harrel, G. W. Stifflemire.

Sunday Schools—W. D. Dunn, W. L. Henderson, J. T. Daniel.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That Brethren J. W. Cunningham, W. L. Henderson and W. H. DeWitt be appointed an Executive Committee on Ministerial Education.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee on Ministerial Education be instructed to meet at as early a date as possible to select such beneficiaries as in their judgment this Association may be able to support.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the ministerial beneficiaries of this Association attend the South Alabama Institute, if practicable.

The reports on Missions were then taken up and adopted.

In the absence of a report on Temperance, the discussion of the subject was dispensed with.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Association was instructed to pay all funds in his hands for Missions, Bible and Colportage and Orphans' Home to W. A. Parker.

The Association then adjourned, to meet with Peniel church, at Nealtown, Clarke county, Ala., on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1898.

J. H. CREIGHTON,
Clerk.

J. R. COWAN,
MODERATOR.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. H. DeWitt	Nicholsville, Ala.
R. J. W. DeWitt	Jackson, "
William Hill	Whatley, "
J. V. Stringer	Jackson, "
S. A. Adams	Thomasville, "
W. A. Parker	Thomasville, "
J. H. Fendley	Fulton, "
A. W. Ethridge	McIntyre, "
J. D. Hudson	Thomasville, "
W. W. Whatley	Winn, "
R. K. Benson	Nettleboro, "
L. A. Williamson	Grove Hill, "
C. H. Morgan	Lower Peach Tree, "
J. H. Creighton	Whatley, "
W. E. Fendley	Alameda, "
W. A. Tharp	Vashti, "
William Kerridge	Thomasville, "
R. J. Rodgers	Whatley, "
E. R. Vaughan	McIntosh, "

AMOUNTS ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Ministerial Education.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage.	Total for each Ch'ch
Amity	\$ 6 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 50	\$20 00
Antioch	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Asberry	1 50	75	75	65	60	65	10	5 00
Bassett's Creek	4 50	2 25	2 25	1 95	1 80	1 95	30	15 00
Cane Creek	4 50	2 25	2 25	1 95	1 80	1 95	30	15 00
Canetouchy	1 50	75	75	65	60	65	10	5 00
Clarkesville	1 50	75	75	65	60	65	10	5 00
Deep Creek	25 00	12 50	12 50	6 00	7 00	10 00	1 00	74 00
Elam	10 50	5 25	5 25	4 40	4 35	4 40	85	35 00
Enon	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	50	20 00
Evergreen	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	50	11 00
Forest Springs	15 00	7 50	7 50	6 50	6 25	6 25	1 00	50 00
Friendship	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Good Hope	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Good Will	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Grove Hill	21 00	10 50	10 50	8 75	9 50	8 25	1 00	70 00
Hoboken	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	50	20 00
Horeb	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	50	19 00
Hopewell	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Independence	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Indian Springs	4 50	2 25	2 25	1 95	1 80	1 95	30	15 00
Jackson	15 00	7 50	7 50	6 50	6 25	6 25	1 00	50 00
L. Peach Tree	7 50	3 75	3 75	3 25	3 12	3 13	50	25 00
Mt. Gilead	7 50	3 75	3 75	3 25	3 12	3 13	50	25 00
Mt. Vernon	7 50	3 75	3 75	3 25	3 12	3 13	50	25 00
Midway	7 50	3 75	3 75	3 25	3 12	3 13	50	25 00
New Prospect	4 50	2 25	2 25	1 95	1 80	1 95	30	15 00
Peniel	7 50	3 75	3 75	3 25	3 12	3 13	50	25 00
Pine Hill	12 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	40 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	25	18.25
Putnam	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	50	20 00
Red Bud	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
River Hill	10 50	5 25	5 25	4 40	4 35	4 40	85	35 00
Rockville	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Round Hill	1 50	75	75	65	60	65	10	5 00
Salem	10 50	5 25	5 25	4 40	4 35	4 40	85	35 00
Suggsville	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	25	10 00
Stave Creek	4 50	2 25	2 25	1 95	1 80	1 95	30	15 00
Thomasville	22 50	11 25	11 25	9 75	9 36	9 39	1 50	75 00
Ulconush	9 00	4 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	3 75	75	30 00
West Bend	10 50	5 25	5 25	4 40	4 35	4 40	85	35 00
Witch Creek	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	50	20 00
TOTALS	296 50	148 25	148 25	121 70	120 46	132 24	21 05	989 25

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1897.

CHURCHES.																			
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial Education	Indigent Ministers.	Orphanage.	Minutes.	TOTAL.	Repairs, Fuel, the	Sunday Schools.	Pastor's Salary.	GRAND TOTAL.	Value of Church Property.					
	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
Amity	5 36	1 00	1 30	25	1 00	50	1 10	1 10	25	7 91	3 00	75 00	85 91	500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Antioch	1 00	71	1 10		2 60		35	1 00	1 00	9 26	15 00	25 00	50 26	400 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Asberry	5 30	50	50		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	10 10		60 00	73 60	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Bassett's Creek	1 00	50	50		75	1 52	50	50	5 37			16 70	22 17	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Cane Creek	1 00	50	50					25	3 00				6 25	200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Candouchy	1 00	50	50					50	5 35			50 00	350 36	400 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Clarkesville	21 63	13 75	13 75	1 00	8 30	6 00	15 00	1 00	86 76	60 00				500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Deep Creek	5 48	2 50	2 50		3 50	3 50	4 00	1 50	24 98			100 00	24 15	400 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Elam	1 00	2 75	2 75		1 50	1 50		1 00	6 25			13 90	24 15	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Enon	3 50	2 00	2 25		3 05	2 00	2 00	7 75	8 80			120 00	71 60	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Evergreen	25 67	2 00	2 00		3 05	2 00	2 00	1 75	37 47				160 47	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Forest Springs	50	25	25			25	50	5 50	2 25				2 25	200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Friendship														200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Goodwell														200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Good Hope	1 00	50	50	25	1 00	50	1 00	25	5 00	20 00		50 00	75 75	200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Grove Hill	7 00	2 00	2 00		23 36	2 00	1 85	2 00	68 43			180 00	248 43	1500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Hoboken	3 10	2 00	2 00	35	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	13 45			75 00	91 45	500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Hoboken	6 67	1 50	3 55		1 55	50	2 41	1 00	17 78			100 00	121 18	800 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Hopewell		45			60			75	1 80			25 00	26 80	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Independence		2 00						25	2 25				6 25	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Indian Springs (not reported)														1000 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Jackson	31 95				5 00			50	87 45			150 00	248 43	1500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Lower Peach Tree	7 57	2 68	3 00		1 00		1 00	1 50	10 65			75 00	98 65	800 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Mr. Gilard	6 50		7 95		2 05	2 45	2 85	1 50	23 10			100 00	102 10	600 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Mr. Vernon	6 75		50	40	2 85	1 00	3 00	1 50	4 40			100 00	102 10	600 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Midway		1 00	2 00	62	2 00	2 00		2 00	15 12			100 00	117 12	500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
New Prospect		3 00					3 00	2 00	8 00					200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Peniel	5 27	2 00	3 00	50	3 30	2 10	3 10	1 50	20 77			50 00	74 77	100 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Pine Hill	10 35	5 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 50	32 35	204 00		8 00	485 40	1300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Pleasant Grove	40		1 00	30	3 10	50	1 00	80	7 00			100 00	117 12	500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Putnam	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00		1 00	7 30			75 00	81 00	200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Red Bird (not reported)														300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
River Hill	13 50	6 75	6 75		2 50			1 50	31 00			100 00	185 00	500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Rockville		50	50			25		50	2 40			75 00	77 40	500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Round Hill	6 70	2 20	2 70	1 00	2 75	65		1 50	17 50	5 00		75 00	77 40	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Salent							1 00		7 35				107 50	400 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Suggsville	6 37				2 75				7 75				87 75	600 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Stave Creek	21 58	1 75	2 00	25	4 00	50	1 00	75	59 58	173 00		400 00	673 22	2900 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Thomasville	1 00	2 00	8 00	2 00	2 50	1 50	10 50	1 50	9 80			150 00	150 00	500 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Udonish	14 70	2 50	4 50		2 00	1 15	4 50	1 50	29 85	20 00		125 00	145 00	600 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
West Bend	2 00	2 00	1 50		2 50	1 00		1 50	30 70			75 00	87 50	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
White Creek	0 79		4 89				11 15						30 70	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Collectors at Association																			
TOTALS	\$ 217 10	\$ 79 38	\$ 89 45	\$ 7 42	\$ 84 81	\$ 88 22	\$ 88 25	\$ 89 85	\$ 675 65	\$ 592 00	\$ 101 10	\$ 2885 60	\$ 1254 37	\$ 20825 00					

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Cost of Tuition Per Month

Primary Department.....\$1.50. Collegiate Department.....\$3.00.

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